

Presentation

We are very happy to present the new issue of the journal *Caminhando*. In the dossier organized by Prof. Dr. Paulo Augusto de Souza Nogueira is the result, in some cases, or part, in others, of research developed, within the scope of the Postgraduate Program in Religious Sciences at the Methodist University of São Paulo, by the Oracula Research Group (Umesp/ FAPESP). Oracula was active at Umesp between 2005 and 2019 under the coordination of the important scholar of classical studies Paulo Nogueira, professor at PPGCdR between 1991 and January 2020, currently professor at PUC-Campinas (Brazil).

We are certain that the scientific production of the dossier **Studies on Primitive Christianity** will guide many of the new methodological procedures and historical-literary approaches as regards “Primitive Christianity”. With this same conviction, we present the researches in the “Articles” section, whose theme reverberates in the dossier, but is linked prospectively to the domains of Education. This is the case of the article that opens the section, “The Common National Curricular Base (BNCC) for Child Education: a study based on teaching methodologies”, by Daniela Emilena Santiago, Fernanda Gonçalves Gomes, Flavia Danieli de Souza, which challenges us to the debate around the official document analyzed by “infer that we have not yet appropriated the National Curricular Common Base (BNCC) in the pedagogical spaces and that in most of them the activities of children’s education remain based on traditional and archaic methods, compromising both child development and learning”.

In the thematic proximity of the first article, there are 4 (four) researches developed transdisciplinarily, with their postulates signed in the fields of literature, theology and philosophy. Here it is:

“The Bible as literature in Brazil”, by Anderson de Oliveira Lima, who proposes “to discuss with a new theoretical referent what is *to read the Bible as*

literature and, after, we're going to offer a list of the main works that propose literary approaches to the Bible in the Brazilian publishing market”.

“An African hermeneutics: Tertullian and theology”, de Graham Gerald McGeoch, “proposes to revisit Tertullian’s theology through discussion of various contemporary theologies”.

“Theology of the toy: the life and body as ends in themselves in Rubem Alves”, by Roberto Carlos Conceição Porto, who informs us that with “This research proposes to analyze the theology of the toy of Rubem Alves”.

“Laughter and irony in the account of Marcos 5: 1–20”, by Paulo Sérgio Macedo dos Santos; the author “to relate the clear presence of aspects of laughter and laughability, irony and sarcasm as they appear in the Gospel of Mark 5.1-20, showing what, for some critics of laughter (Henri Bergson, Georges Minois, Quintiliano, among others), denotes the presence of irony, joke and laughter as narrative elements”.

Finally, the article that closes the “Articles” section is part of the broad thematic of approaches; we will read a panoramic analysis of society in which a pastoral plan for the current global public health crisis is presented with great relevance: “Care of the Church in times of pandemic: Covid-19”, by Márcio Divino de Oliveira; has the “which has as object of study the Protestant churches, indicate that Covid-19 brought changes not only in the behavior of society and institutions, but also in the pastoral praxis of the church: the insertion of pastoral on-line”.

I wish that we all benefit greatly from the production of knowledge here made public.

With wishes for peace and health,

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